

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner is requiring restriction to one of the following groups:

Group I, claim(s) 1-23, 28 and 29, drawn to a film.

Group II, claim(s) 24-27, drawn to a process for producing a film.

Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-23, 28 and 29, drawn to a film and traverse on the grounds that no adequate reasons and/or examples have been provided to support a conclusion of patentable distinctness between the identified groups. Also, it has not been shown that a burden exists in searching the claims of the two groups.

Moreover, the M.P.E.P. § 807 states as follows:

“If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions. “

Applicants respectfully submit that a search of all of the claims would not impose a serious burden on the Office.

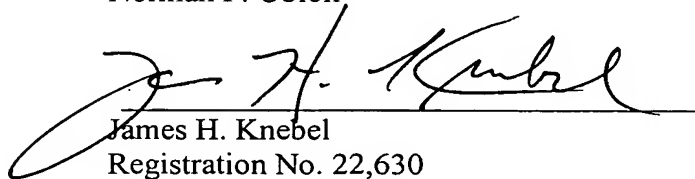
Accordingly, and for the reasons presented above, Applicants submit that the Office has failed to meet the burden necessary in order to sustain the Restriction Requirement.

Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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